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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: BILATERAL TALKS

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1. UPON LEAVING FOR WASHINGTON, GENERAL EDGARD SUAREZ, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CIVIL AERONAUTICS, TOLD REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT THAT IT IS THE GOV'S INTENTION TO DISCUSS WITH USG MATTERS RELATED TO THE APPLICATION OF THE BILATERAL AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT IN VIEW OF THE USG'S UNILATERAL DECISION REGARDING TARIFF MATTERS. SUAREZ SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED THE BAGGAGE MATTER.

2. WHEN ASKED BY THE REPORTER WHETHER THE GOV MIGHT BE THINKING OF DENOUNCING THE BILATERAL AGREEMENT, SUAREZ IMPLIED THAT SUCH A STEP MIGHT BE UNCALLED FOR BUT THAT CERTAIN DISCUSSIONS OF PRINCIPLES WOULD HAVE TO TAKE PLACE.

3. NEITHER AMBASSADOR TIRADO BEFORE LEAVING THE COUNTRY EARLY IN FEBRUARY, NOR GENERAL SUAREZ DURING SEVERAL RECENT CONVERSATIONS MADE MENTION OF WISHING TO DISCUSS MATTERS OTHER THAN THE BILATERAL TAX EXEMPTION AGREEMENT AND USG OPINION REGARDING THE LATEST IATA TARIFF PACKAGE.

4. IN VIEW OF SUAREZ'S COMMENTS, THE DEPARTMENT AND CAB  
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MIGHT WISH TO REVIEW THE COMPOSITION OF THE USG PARTICIPANTS IN THESE TALKS.

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